Production of wagons

1283. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether wagon production target for 2005-06 was revised downwards;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of actual production of wagon for the financial year 2005-06; and

(d) the action taken to increase the production of wagons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The budgetary target of acquisition of 23300 wagons in terms of Four Wheeler Units (FWUs) was revised to 18000 FWUs during 2005-06 due to poor performance of most of the wagon manufacturing units and closure of one of the major private wagon manufacturing unit.

(c) The actual production of wagons during the year 2005-06 was 18681 FWUs.

(d) During the current financial year *i.e.,* 2006-07, Indian Railways have planned to acquire 12000 wagons *i.e.* about 30000 FWUs (10000 wagons under Rolling Stock Programme (RSP) and 2000 under Wagn Investment Scheme (WIS). After detailed discussion with all wagon builders it was brought out that one of the main constraints in enhancing the production was difficulty in procurement of bogies and couplers. Bogies and couplers have now been made free supply items.

Rail line from Obulavaripally to Krishnapatnam

1284. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider the laying of a new crucial reailway line of 114 Kms from Obulavaripally in Kadapa district to Krishnapatnam Port in view of rejection by the Commerce Ministry of Union Government, for economical transportation of iron-ore, coal and cement exports and imports in Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh, in view of the fact that Andhra Pradesh Government is ready to provide 32